In memory of long-time respected resident and friend of the Northwest Territories, Karl Mueller, who suddenly passed away at the H.H. Williams LTC facility on May 12, 2011.

Born in Vienna, Austria in 1929, Karl came to Canada in the 1950s and lived for a while in Edmonton. Soon afterwards, Karl headed north, working on the DEW line in Cambridge Bay and for the United Keno Mines in the Yukon, then to the NWT, working for various companies, including Northern Construction Ltd., Mannix Ltd., Western Construction Ltd., Denny Logging Inc., and for Indian Affairs and Northern Development, before building and operating a garage in Fort Smith.

By the late 1960s, he had started Karl Mueller Construction in Enterprise, NT and was awarded contracts for an airship in Colville Lake, street construction in Fort Franklin and Fort Providence, highway improvements near Fort Resolution and Hay River, and other varied federal or territorial contracts in Fort Providence, Fort Wrigley, Fort Smith, Fort Resolution and Hay River.

In addition to his service to the Northwest Territories, Karl was dedicated to his home community of Enterprise, serving several terms on council, including a term as one of the founding fathers of Enterprise during its transition from settlement to hamlet status. Karl was truly a Northerner and proud of his service to the NWT.

Karl is survived by his new wife and family of five days, and will be buried in Winnipeg.

We need to say “Thank you Karl, for your long time service to the NWT.”

Karl will be remembered by loving family, good friends and those who enjoy the fruits of his labours.

Memorial services will be held at the new Community Center in Enterprise, NT on May 28, 2011, commencing at 2 pm.